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SUBJ: ESCAP:1976 CRUISE OF SOVIET SCIENTIFIC VESSEL:

PROJECT "OPHIOLITES"

REF: BANGKOK A-265, 10/20/75

1. VOYAGE OF SOVIET SCIENTIFIC VESSEL "DIMTRY MENDELEEV" PLANNED FOR JUNE-AUGUST 1976 IN WESTERN PACIFIC AND DESCRIBED REPAIR.

2. USGS MARINE GEOLOGIST IN CCOP, FRANK WANG, NOW CLAIMS THAT JAPANESE AND INDONESIAN GOVERNMENTS ARE OPPOSED AND PHILIPPINES' GOVERNMENT IS SENSITIVE TO CRUISE AS PLANNED. THESE GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOT YET DECIDED HOW TO RESPOND, BUT JAPAN EXPECTS STRONG SOVIET PRESSURE WILL BE EXERTED TO PERMIT CRUISE. SOME CCOP MEMBERS RESENT FACT SOVIETS HAVE JUST JOINED CCOP, THUS MAKING CHINA PARTICIPATION LESS LIKELY, AND YET THEY ARE ALREADY PUSHING FOR A POLITICALLY SENSITIVE CRUISE BY THEIR SCIENTIFIC VESSEL.

3. WANG AGREED IT IS LIKELY CCOP MEMBER STATES MAY SUGGEST MODIFICATIONS TO SOVIET CRUISE PLANS, ALTHOUGH HE EXPECTS SOVIETS WILL ARGUE CRUISE WAS PLANNED OVER TWO YEARS AGO AT UNESCO MEETING IN LONDON WHICH NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ALSO ATTENDED. TIMING IS AWKWARD FEATURE OF WHOLE AFFAIR. WANG BELIEVES CRUISE COULD

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HAVE TAKEN PLACE AS PLANNED TWO YEARS AGO BUT EAST ASIAN POLITICAL

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